Waiting list for telephone connections in Rajasthan

1445. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been improvement in the allotment of telephone connections in the country during the past three years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the total number of applicants on the waiting list in different districts of Rajasthan; and

(d) the steps being taken to clear those applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last three years (1985—88) a total No. of 9.04 lakhs new Telephone Connections were provided in the country. The year-wise break-up of new connections provided during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 is 2,67,362, 3,24,151 and 3,13,078 respectively.

(c) The information is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) It is proposed to meet, by the end of 7th plan, average registered demand of Telephones registered upto 1-4-87 in the case of Main Automatic Exchange-I (MAX-I) upto 1.4.88 in the case of MAX-II exchanges and upto 31-3-90 in the case of MAX-III and manual exchanges. The remaining pending applications shall be cleared gradually during Eighth plan. During the current year 1988-89, about 17,000 new telephone connections are proposed to be provided in Rajasthan.

Statement

Districtwise Waiting List in Rajasthan as on 31.3.1988

Name of District	Waiting List
Ajmer	2756
Alwar	879
Banswara	345
Barmer	995
Bharatpur	238
Bhilwara	1464
Bikaner	1656
Bundi	182
Chittorgarh	264
Churu	154
Dholpur	5
Dungarpur	102
Jaipur	24429
Jaiselmer	70
Jailore	137
Jhalawar	6
Jhunjhunu	180
Jodhpur	5850
Kota	2991
Nagaur	517
Pali	1009
Swaimadhopur	98
Sikar	437
Sirohi	279
Sriganganagar	1442
Tonk	92
Udaipur	4672

Setting up of National Transmission Corporation

1446. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Transmission Corporation to ensure an integrated approach to the transmission needs of the power sector in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MNISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The continued augmentation and strengthening of the Inter-State and Inter-Regional transmission lines, and contruction of more and more transmission lines in the Central Sector have given impetus for evolution of a National Power Grid. The possibility of ultimately having to create a separate organisation at the National level to design, construct, maintain and operate the Extra High Voltage Lines for transmission of power from one State/Region to another cannot be ruled out. The matter, however, requires an in-depth study of all aspects of the problem, including set up of the proposed organisation.

Assets of 20 largest business houses

1447. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the total assets, turn-over and profits of the 20 largest business houses in India as at the end of 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987 separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): Data on assets, turn-over and profits in 1987 are not available. A statement showing the assets, turnover and profits before tax in 1984, 1985 and 1986-87 (accounting year ending April 1986 to March 1987) of companies registered under section 26 of the MRTP Act and belonging to the largest business houses ranked according to their assets in 1986-87 is annexed [See Appendix CXLVII Annexure No. 63].

Engineers of BBVL for training in France

1448. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Brakes and Valves Limited, Calcutta had sent five Engineers to France for training for the manufacture of Valve Actuator;

(b) whether those trained Engineers are involved in development of Valve Actuator in the BBVL; and

(c) if not, for what work these engineers are being utilised and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Bharat Brakes & Valves Limited (BBVL), Calcutta, had sent five of its engineers to France in 1983 to undergo training for Valve Actuator. On return from training, initially the engineers were engaged for engineering activities of Valve Actuator in BBVL. Simultaneously, BBVL had approached its prospective customers, one of whom was BHEL. While follow up action was in progress improved version of this technology also appeared in the market. BHEL advised BBVL to obtain the latest technology in this field. BBVL are trying to obtain the latest technology from the foreign collaborator. Out of the five engineers so trained, one of the engineers resigned and left the service of the company in 1986-87. The remaining engineers are being utilised in the present activities of the company such as project planning and marketing.

Information regarding formulation prices

1449. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be